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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 16 on page 5 of the specification with the following paragraph:

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[016] In addition, this invention provides a composition comprising a purified polypeptide, wherein the composition has the functional characteristics of binding calcium ions and transmitting measurable energy, said energy depending on the quantity of calcium bound and on the quantity of polypeptides in said composition in absence of any light excitation.

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Please replace paragraph 77, on page 17 of the specification: